TUESDAY EVENING. TWO CENTS.

LASI EDITION.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, DECEMBER 7, 1909.

His Annual Message to Congress Delivered Today.

Document Not as Lengthy as Similar Ones Before.

OMITS BIG QUESTIONS.

Such as Anti-Trust, Interstate Commerce and Conservation.

But These Will Be Handled in Communications Later.

FOR CIVIL PENSIONS.

President Thinks They Will Benefit Government Service.

Economy in Expenditures Strikes Him as Most Important.

President Taft's message to congress, which is printed in full elsewhere in this issue of the State Journal, is a voluminous document com prising some sixteen thousand words. Nearly half of it is devoted to a de-

talled report of the activities of the department of state since the begin-ning of the Taft administration. Presi-dent Taft explains the devotion of so much space to state affairs by stating that there is no provision by statute or custom for a formal report by the secretary of state to the president or to congress, and a presidential mes-sage is the only means by which the conditions of our foreign relations can be brought to the attention of con-gress and to the public.

Except as to the relations between this government and Nicaragua It is pointed out by the president that the United States is on a most friendly footing with all of the other nations of the earth

As to Nicaragua.

Concerning the difficulties with Nicaragua President Taft says: "Since the Washington conventions of 1907 the Washington conventions of 1907 were communicated to the government of the United States as a consulting and advising party, this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another, and in turn by all of the five Central American republics, to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Zelaya government of Charagua, which has kept Central America in constant tension and turmoil."

He says that the efforts of the government to promote peace have been appreciated by a majority of these countries who are loyal to their true interests, and that it is unnecessary to rehearse the sad tale of unspeakable Interests, and that it is unnecessary to rehearse the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelayla government. Continuing, the president says: "Recently two Americans were put to death by the order of President Zelaya himself. They were officers in the organized forces of a revolution which had continued many weeks and was in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened are much heavier than newspapers in the says that are much heavier than newspapers is below to 10 above zero. The lowcording to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war." The president then tells of the termination of diplo
Other Recommendations.

The wind was strong and the recovery strongly the redemp-

important question presented to the expenditures and sufficient revenue says that on June 30, 1910, the ordinary expenditures will exceed the revenue by \$34,075,620. If the \$38,000,000 which will be expended during the year for the Panama canal, and the \$1,000,000 to be paid on the public debt. is added to this sum, it will make a total deficit of \$73,075,620. He points out that the Panama canal expenditures will be met of \$73,075,620. by bond issues and that it is now ex-pected that the total cost of the canal will be \$375,000,000. He says that under his direction the estimates for expendihis direction the estimates for expendi-tures for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1911. are less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year by \$42,818,000. This, with the income expected during that period and excluding the payments on the Panama canal work, will leave a surplus in the treasury of \$35.931,000 on that date. He tells congress that the estimates have been cut to the quick and that a further paring down of them by congress will result in seri-cusly hampering the proper adminis-tration of the departments. He beheves that much economy in govern-ment administration can be obtained by a reorganization of the clerical forces of the government a reclassification of the kind of work they do, so that it will be possible for clerks of high ability to receive more compensation than others; and the elimination from the government service of those who are inefficient from any cause, "and as the degree of efficiency in all departments is much lessened by the retention of all the employes who have outlived their usefulness, it is indispen

Sugar Trust Frauds.

The president states hat the sugar trust frauds are to be probed to the very bottom; that the department of justice and the treasury department are exerting every effort to discover the wrong doers in connection with them, including officers and employes of the companies who may have been privy to the fraud. He also states that investigation of these frauds by congress at present pending the probing going on by the departments of justice and

No Tariff Tinkering Planned. It is President Taft's idea that the maximum and minimum clause of the new tariff law is not likely to lead to u tariff war with any other foreign country and hat he will do his best to avoid any such controversy. On this matter of the tariff, he calls attention to the fact that the tariff board's work will probably take from two to three years, and that if its findings are of such "character as to show generally that the rates of duties imposed by the pres-ent tariff law are excessive under the principles of protection as described in the platform of the successful party at the late election, I shall not hesitate to livite the attention of congress to this fact and to the necessity for action predicated thereon." He believes that it will be unwise for congress to attempt any tariff legislation until the tariff board is able to report.

Street Car Service Is Restored

This Morning.

Army and Navy Affairs.

On army and navy matters the president calls attention to the points of the secretary of war and also the secretary of the navy. He endorses the plans of a joint army and navy board for the establishment of an extensive naval base in Pearl harbor, Hawalian Islands, rather than in Mattheware the leave were the construction. illa bay. He also urges the construc-on of additional coast defense at hesapeake bay and expresses his symlathy with the plans of Secretary Meyer for a thorough reorganization of the navy department. He also joins Mr. Meyer in asking congress to authorize the construction of two first class battleships and one repair ship.

The Law's Delay. Considerable space is devoted by the considerable space is devoted by the president to the discussion of the law's delay in this country. He says he does not doubt that much of the violence and cruelty exhibited in lynching is directly due to the uncertainties and injustice growing out of the delays in the law independent and executions thereability the defects are less in the federal courts. He says that a procedure
in state courts should generally follow
the procedure in the federal courts,
and he asks congress to authorize him
to appoint a commission with authority
to examine the law and the equity
procedure of the federal courts of the
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to the supreme court, and the cost hose courts to the court of appeals and to the supreme court, and the cost imposed in such procedure upon pricate litigants and upon the public treasury and make recommendation with a view to simplifying and expediting the procedure as far as possible and making it as inexpensive as may be to the litigant of little means. Issuance of Injunctions.

He calls for the enforcement of his carty's piedge for legislation that will ore accurately define by statute the procedure in the federal courts with procedure in the federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction. He suggests that the issuing of such writs be forbidden without previous notice and a reasonable portunity to be heard on behalf of all parties to be enjoined unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the delay necessary to give such notice and hearing will result in irreparable injury to the complainant. He would limit the life of such emergency injunctions to seven days, unless a full hearing the court should decide that it was necessary.

that it was necessary,

then tells of the termination of diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government and of his intentions to take such steps as may be found to be consistent with this government's dignity in protecting American interests in Nicaragua, and he says it may be necessary for him to bring this subject to the attention of congress in a special message. He advocates legislation which will permit of the reorganization of the state department along the lines suggested by Secretary Knox, which were made public the other day.

Economy Urged.

Other Recumpture redemption of the Republican party's pledge for the East blishment of postal saving banks. He also favors the ship subsidy plan and thinks that it might be started with the government's best for a \$50,000 appropriation to be used by the storm in delaying traffic. All trains are late today.

The Santa Fe reports snow and sever weather all over Kansas but the drifting snow as was feared. The storm ceased about midnight after a fall of snow which amounted to from the establishment of a federal bureau of health. He also asks for one and a half to three inches. The heaviest fall of snow reported by the started with the section of the started mid the redemption of the Republican party in the droving the form in delaying traffic. All trains are late today. a law compelling candidates in elec-tion of members of the house of rep-resentatives and the committees in charge of their campaigns to file with the government a statement of the contributions received and expendi-tures incurred in the campaign for such elections, and that similar leg-islation be enacted in respect to all other elections which are constituother elections which are constitu-tionally within the control of congress.

Reasons for High Prices.

"Speaking generally, the country is in a high state of prosperity," says Presi-dent Taft in concluding his message. "There is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion, and we have just garnered a harvest unexampled in the ducts bring mean great prosperity for the farming community, but on the other hand they mean a very consider-ably increased burden upon those classes in the community whose yearly compensation does not expand with the improvement of business and the given for the high prices. The propor-lonate increase in the output of gold, which today is the chief medium of exchange and is in some respects a measure of value, furnishes a substantial explanation of at least part of the inplanation of at least part of the increase in prices. The increase in population and the more expensive mode of living of the people, which have not been accompanied by a proportionation increase in acreage production, may furnish a further reason.

"It is well to note that the increase in the cost of living is not confined to this country, but prevails the world over, and that those who would charge increases in prices to the ex-

sable to any proper system of economy that provision be made so that their separation from the service shall be easy and inevitable. It is impossible to make such provision unless there is adopted a plan of civil pensions." In the cost of living is not confined to this country, but prevails the world over, and that those who would charge increases in prices to the existing protective tariff must meet the fact that the rise in prices has taken place almost wholly in those products pince almost wholly in those products of the factory and farm in respect to

treasury might by giving immunity and otherwise, prove an embarrassment in securing the conviction of the guilty parties.

Coldest Weather of Season in Kansas.

Mercury Here Drops to One Degree Above.

STORM WAS SEVERE.

Traffic on the Railroads Is

This Morning.

After a night of wind and snow Topeka people awoke shivering in a temperature of 1 degree above zero. It was again the coldest weather of the year. This temperature prevailed at 7 and again at 8 o'clock this morning. Shortly after 8 o'clock the temperature

began to rise slowly. And there is the promise of weather man that the temperature tomorrow will be much more to the liking of the average citizen than is the case today. The storm of yesterday was caused by the combination of an area of high barometer in the northwest acting in conjunction with an area of low barometric pressure in New Mexico. The axis of the cold weather is west of the Rocky Mountains and seems to be moving toward the South Atlantic to be moving toward the South Atlantic states. It is expected to be past To-peka and this section of the country by tomorrow. Last night the thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero at Miles City, Montana. At Bismarck. North Dakota, the lowest temperature recorder last night was 10 below zero and in South Dakota the temperature tumbled to zero. The zero weather line, however is moving north rapidly today.

Last night was the worst night of the year in Topeka. From 3 o'clock

until the last car reached the barns the street car service was demoralized. The snow drifted in on the tracks and cars was stuck on every grade along the cars was stuck on every grade along the line. Snow sweepers did little good because the wind blow the fine snow back upon the track rapidly as it was removed. People waited from 6 until 8 o'clock for cars to take them home from work and many of them did not get cars at that time, and walked instead. Others who waited left the cars and walked home when they found what a task it was to get home by rail. In many cases it was necessary for the conductor of the car to sweep the snow off the rail ahead of the car, and even at this slow rate travel was difficult. The street car men worked ail night trying to get the lines in shape to hantrying to get the lines in shape to han-dle today's traffic. This morning the service, while delayed, was not bad when compared with the service last

Trouble for Railroads.

All over Kansas the storm has caused trouble for the railroads and delayed traffic. There is not a great deal of wire trouble as it was too cold

est temperatures were recorded in southwest Kansas, around Bucklin. The wind was strong and the most severe storm yet reported was in that section of the country. Trouble on the Rock Island between Topeka and Herington was reported and caused some delay last night but this morn-ing all the trains are moving. A slight

heaviest fail of snow reported by the Santa Fe in Kansas is on the Strong City Newton line.

Unsheltered stock suffered in last night's storm. It was the third day of the storm and was the worst experlenced this winter for such stock At 2 o'clock this afternoon the wind was blowing 22 miles an hour from the northwest and the temperature had risen to 8 degrees above zero. The pre-cipitation last night amounted to .23 inches. Following are the hourly temperatures today: 1 | 11 o'clock

8 o'clock 1 | 12 o'clock 2 o'clock 2 | 1 o'clock 10 o'clock 4 2 o'clock 10 o' **ERDER INQUEST BEGINS.**

Doctor Who Made the Chemical Analysis Is Chief Witness.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—The coroner's jury today listened to testimony bearing on the death last July of W. J. Erder. Chief among the witnesses were Dr. W. H. Warren, whose chemical analysis of Erder's viscera revealed arsenic in considerable quantities.

It was the insistence of Miss Kate Erder, sister of the dead man, on an investigation that stirred the local authorities to action and today's invest is the first open official proceed-

ing.

Whether Mrs. L. D. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., who is accused of causing Erder's death, would be present at
the coroner's proceedings, was uncertain when the hearing began.

JOHN DREW IS HURT.

Thrown and Trampled Upon by His

not known. Mr. Drew has been appearing in a play here.

Miss Drew was holding her father's head in her lap when an automobile party stopped and volunteered to take the actor to the hospital.

While the doctors were unable to determine the full extent of Mr. Drew's injuries, they announced he had suffered a severe fracture of the left shoulder and it was feared he had been injured internally.

HEARING THE MESSAGE.

Great Interest Manifested by Both Democrats and Republicans

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first annual message of President Taft was presented in both houses of congress by Assistant Secretary Latta and in both houses was received shortly after its colorest.

In the senate when the reading of

In the senate when the reading of the message began at 12:12 p. m. great interest was manifested by both Republicans and Democrats.

There was a full attendance of senators on the floor of the chamber and as soon as copies of the document had been furnished to them they riveted their attention upon the printed pages. While the secretary of the senate read the president's words, many senators hastened over the pamphlet hunting for subjects in which they were especially interested. Others proceeded in the more orderly way of following the reading from the desk.

The portions of the message which attracted most attention were those relating to the complication with Nicaragua, the minution of public expenditures, the custom house frauds and the tariff act.

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The one phrase which attracted most cttention was found in connection with the president's treatment of the Zelaya incident of which he spoke as "the rad tale of unspeakable barbarities."
At 1:40 p. m. the reading of the message was concluded in the house and that body adjourned until Friday.

BOY THIEVES CAUGHT.

der arrest belong to a gang of juvenile Last Night.

Harvey and Ray Slusser, aged 22 and 17 years, respectively, were arrested to-day by Detectives Lawson and Fowler on the charge of burglarizing the Estep store at the corner of Emmett and Seward avenues last night, Ray Slusser has confessed to the robbery and de-clares that his cousin assisted him. The elder Slusser boy denies all knowl-

the enter Susser by defines an anowating of the affair.

The stolen goods were found in the Slusser barn at the Slusser residence on Twiss avenue, in Oakland. They amount to a small wagon load, and con-

amount to a small wagon load, and consist of dress goods and patterns, tobacco and clgars, combs, shoes and overshoes, sardines, chewing gum and men's clothing. The value of the stolen stuff is estimated at \$100.

The robbery was discovered this morning and Lawson and Fowler were detailed on the case. The boys were arrested at noon. According to Ray Siusser the robbery occurred between milnight and 1 o'clock.

It is believed that the two boys un-Robbed Oakland Store During Storm thieves who have committed a number of thefts in the past several months. They will be questioned by the officers this afternoon in an effort to uncover

this afternoon in an effort to uncover more of their work.

LANE IS REAPPOINTED

to Senate for Approval.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft today sent to the senate a list of about 1,200 nominations to federal of-Practically all are recess ap from time to time as made, and the greater part of the list is made up of postmasters in the smaller cities and census supports.

ensus supervisors. One of the important new an-nouncements is that of the real-point-ment of Franklin Lame as a member of the Interstate Commerce commission. Sanford B. Dole, former presi-dent of the Hawaiian islands, has been named as United States judge for the territory of Hawaii.

CARNEGIE'S PROTEGE.

Millionaire Gives \$5,000 for Education of Boy Planist.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—Dennis Chabot, 2 Belgian boy planist, who is possessed to remarkable talent, has no further worry over his ambition to secure Furopean instruction. Chabot's ability has long attracted attention and when his case was brought to the notice of indrew Carnegie he was awarded a \$5,000 annual scholarship and all arrangements were made for him to continue his studies in Europe. The continue his studies in Europe. The boy will play for his benefactor before he sails January 1.

LONG LIFE IN CANDY.

Constant Consumer Lives to Be 103 Years Old.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 7.—Plenty of peppermint candy is the recipe for congevity given by John Kipp, who has not celebrated his 103d birthday here. Mr. Kipp, who is still active in body and mind despite his advanced age, attributes his long life and excellent health to the fact that he has used cbacco and intoxicants sparingly, has quantity of peppermint candy at every meal from his early childhood.

TRIED 3 WAYS TO DIE.

Salesman Out of a Job Finally Drowned Himself.

New York, Dec. 7.-Charles Schaeffe Thrown and Trampled Upon by His

Horse in Central Park.

New York, Dec. 7.—John Drew, the actor, was thrown from his horse while riding with his daughter on the bridle path in Central park today and seriously injured. The horse trampled on the actor as he lay on the ground. Mr. Drew was hurried to the Presbyterian hospital. The extent of his injuries is

Coldest Weather of the Season at Many Points.

From Two to Six Degrees Below Zero in Nebraska.

BIG SNOW IN CHICAGO.

Lincoln Streets.

A Foot of the Beautiful Covers

Sioux City Reports a Temperature of Two Below.

Chicago, Dec. 7 .- Heavy snow accom panied by lower temperature and a 35 mile wind swept over Chicago and the surrounding territory today, bringing death to three persons in this city hefore the noon hour and seriously hampering transportation. One man was found dead from cold and exposure and two men. blinded by snow, were run over by trains.

The snowfall in this city was four inches and reports from outside points told of 15 inches with heavy drifts in

northwestern Missouri and the Texas Panhandle today following the heavy snowstorm of yesterday and last night, tut with the cessation of the snowfall, temperatures fell sharply. Snow centinues to fall today in southwest and central Missouri. Railroad traffic, which yesterday and ast night was demoralized, was much improved west and southwest of Kan-sas City today, but train service southeast and east was still hamnered. The following temperatures were reported at 8 o'clock this morning:
Kansas City, 3 above; Dodge City, 4 below; Amarillo, 6 above; Oklahoma City, 8 above zero.

Bad Night on the Lakes.

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Duluth, Minn., Dec. 7.—The package freighter Muncy of the Anchor line, which arrived here last night, had a thrilling trip from Houghton to Duluth. The Muncy, as she lies at the Omaha dock is a veritable iceberg. Second Mate J. J. Smith, said: "We left Houghton about 5 o'clock Sunday evening. About 10 o'clock, a heavy southeaster with much snow struck us. It was the worst night I have spent on the lakes. The waves washed over the decks and the spray dashed 30 to 40 feet up the spars. The water froze as fast as it struck. A big wave washed away the tank

were found at daybreak by a ponceman.

Attached to the woman's dress was a
tag consigning her to her husband, a
coal miner at Westville, Ill. She, with
her baby, arrived in the night from
New York. She wandered about helplessly, the child clasped to her breast,
until she sank exhausted and lay for
hours in the storm.

Revived by warmth and food, the woman and her baby will be sent on to
Westville.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The crop reporting board of the department of
agriculture today estimated that the
newly seeded area of winter wheat is
7.9 per cent greater than the revised
estimated area sown in the fall of

HEALTH MEN COMING.

Will Be Here Tomorrow for a Two Days' Conference.

Thursday the second annual meeting of the Kansas Association for the study and Prevention of Tuberculosis will convene. All of the meetings will be held in Representative hall. The program, which was printed last week, will begin at 9:30 o'clock tomortow morning. The program, which was printed last week, will begin at 9:30 o'clock tomortow morning.

KOONTZ MAY LEAVE.

Rumored That Topeka Man Will Be Made Freight Traffic Manager.

With the recent appointment of J. E. Gorman formerly of Topeka and freight traffic manager of the Santa Fe, to first vice president of the Rock Island, in charge of the freight traffic of that system, comes the natural line of succession on the Santa Fe affecting the offices in the freight department from the Chicago to the coast lines.

There are four men in the freight department of the Santa Fe who are in line for freight traffic manager, the position recently held by Mr. Gorman. These men are W. A. Bissell, assistant traffic manager of San Francisco; F. B. Houghton, assistant freight traffic manager of Chicago; E. Chambers, assistant freight traffic manager of San Francisco. The other man to whom the Topeka railroad circles are looking for the appointment is J. R. Koontz, general freight agent at Topeka.

It is known that Mr. Koontz is highly considered by the officials in Chicago and his appointment is expected at any time. None of the Topeka. of that system, comes the natural line

inches and reports from outside points told of 15 inches with heavy drifts in rallroad cuts.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—A severe storm prevailed in this section today. It extended into southern Illinois and it throughout southeastern Missouri. The temperature dropped 20 degrees.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—Two degrees below zero was the reading at the weather bureau this morning. The coidest of the winter by eight degrees.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Chicago was visited today with the first real snow storm of the season. Several inches of snow fell and traffic was impeded. The storm extends from southern Wisconsin into eastern Iowa and through the Ohio valley, covering Illinois and Indiana. Trains from the west and north were delayed from one to three hours. The wind attaining a velocity of 35 miles an hour added to the discomfort.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—Twelve inches of snow and a minimum temperature of six degrees below zero were reported this morning by the local weather bureau. Street car traffic is blockaded and roads leading into the city are impassable.

Sloux City, Ia., Dec. 7.—It was two below zero here this morning, the coldest of the winter.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 7.—Northwest Missouri is covered with snow and cold weather is causing suffering. Railroads are having difficulty in moving trains and telegraph and telephone wires are down at some places.

Additional appointments of officials in

BROUGHT THE BUNCH.

Speaker Cannon's Granddaughter Attends Opening of the House,

Washington, Dec. 7 .- Speaker Cannon in his desire to have some mem-ter of his family represented among the visitors in the house galleries at the visitors in the house galleries at the opening session nearly got into 'rouble. As his daughter, Miss Helen Cannon, was not in town, Mr. Cannon thought of calling up his granddaughter, Miss Virginia Le Suere, who is a pupil at the National Cathedral School for Giris.

"Want to come down and see the house convene?" said "Uncle Joe."

"You bet," responded Miss Virginia, who is in the vicinity of the sweet but slangy 15. "and I'll bring the hunch" at the sassured that there is

About midnight the water entered the cabin windows. At times we believed the ship was sinking."

She Lay for Hours in Storm.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 7.—Lying in six inches of snow on the steps of a bank building and almost dead, a Hungarian woman and her 6-months-old child, were found at daybreak by a policeman.

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The condition of winter wheat on becember 1 was 95.8 against 85.3 on that day a year ago.

The newly seeded area of rye is estimated at being 1.2 per cent greater than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1908, equivalent to an increase of 25,000 acres, the indicated total being 2,155,000 acres.

The condition of rye on December 1 was 94.1 as compared with 87.6 last year.

Weather Indications. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Forecast for Kan-sas: Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer Wednesday and in west portion

EVERYBODY

12 PAGES

Manager Issued a Warning to

Pressure Has Been Going Down Since Noon.

TRELEAVEN PUZZLED.

Unable to Offer Explanation of the Shortage.

Left This Afternoon to Investigate the Situation.

At 10 o'clock this morning L. G. releaven, manager of the Consumers' light, Heat & Power company in this city, issued a warning that there would he a shortage of the gas supply this afternoon and tonight. Efforts were peing made all morning to secure more gas for Topeka but the pressure was going down steadily and there was no promise that the situation would be re-lieved by the supply of more gas.

Mr. Treleaven felt the situation keenly, especially in view of the fact trat, believing the assurances he has had that there would be plenty of gas this winter, he has so declared. He will leave tonight for the gas fields and make a personal investigation of conditions there.

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"You may rest assured," said he, that as soon as I can learn anything I will let Topeka people know it. I am as much at a loss to know what to do as anyone. We have been told all along that there would be plenty or gas this winter. If the Kansas Natural Gas company would only furnish us the gas we could deliver it. They are supposed to furnish us the gas at the city limits. We can't give it out when we don't get it. I don't know why we do not get the gas any more than you do.

"We are pinched for gas this afternoon an" will be tonight I believe. Something may happen to avert this lut I do not expect it. The only reason I can give you for this is that the pressure here is going down all the time. I am trying to get Kansas City by wire and get south from there and learn what is the matter.

"It is a thankless job. We operate here during the summer at the loss of \$100 per day. Then we get a spell of weather when we could sell some gas, when the people would use it and the Kansas Natural people fail to supply us. Then we have to bear the brunt."

Mr. Treleaven said this morning that there was a shortage of gas last night.

west dissouri is covered with smoving trains and telegraph and telephone wires are down at some places. The Missouri river was blocked here today, caused by ice jams.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 7.—The government thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero in Norfolk today.

Denver, Dec. 7.—The entire state of Colorado is shivering under the cold of the Senate of Colorado is shivering under the cold of the Senate of the Highest mark in Denver has been practically completed by the election of four president themry U. Mudge. The following changes were announced:

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Cold Wave in Southwest.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 7.—This portion of the southwest is today in the spirit of the season, with temperatures ranging from 8 degrees above zero at Oklahoma cold, the president in charge of the Choctaw and Southern discontinued to purchases, succeeding E. L. Pollock.

W. Moore, or the Moore of the Choctaw and Southern discontinued to purchase of

terest in the Wabash and the Lehigh Valley is not geing to lease it so far as I know."

Additional appointments of officials in the reorganization of the Rock Island lines were announced here today by John Sebastian, newly elected vice president, as follows:

L. M. Allen, passenger traffic manager; W. J. Leahy, general passenger agent, and J. A. Stewart, first assistant general passenger agent.

Tather strange for the gas company to go on making new connections when it can not supply the customers it has.

Last night there were many complaints of poor gas pressure. While the pressure may have been normal at the pressure may have been normal at the supply station it was not over the city. In the residence districts the gas burned feebly in lights and stoves until became a little stronger but this morning there were more complaints of a short supply of gas. And these coming there were more complaints of a short supply of gas. And these complaints were not in outlying districts but in the down town residence section. At this time the cold was most severe. At 1 o'clock today Mr. Treleaven said:

said:
"We are beginning to feel the pinch. This will continue. I don't know just how bad it will be. We will not go out but we are going to be badly pinched for gas, and people living on the outskirts will be badly in need of gas. I am hoping for the beat, but I know that we will be badly in need of gas in Topeks until prob-

any we can rest assured that there is plenty of gas in Lawrence and Ottawa. Only when the supply here falls entirely can they be short of gas.

"Kansas City, St. Joseph or Atchison would be more likely to be short of gas than either Lawrence or Ottawa. They are 'dead end' towns

the same as we are." Mr. Treleaven left at 1:\$5 o'clock for Kansas City, on his way to the Kansas gas fields.

HE HAD HOOKWORM.

But Arnold Dauber Is Now Able to Be Down Town.

Examination made for the purpose of ascertaining positively whether or not

Arnold Dauber, of 519 Lane street, had hookworm, as was announced some time ago, convinced the physicians that time ago, convinced the physicians that such was the case and the treatment which followed is proving efficient. Mr. Dauber is now out of bed, and was down town yesterday. His condition shows much improvement when compared with his state of health when he reached Topeka two weeks ago.

Dauber is the formarly of Topeka man who returned here about Thanksgiving and informed Dr. L. A. Ryder that he had hookworm. His was the first case of hookworm ever found here. His parents are well known in Topeka.